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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Pedro Leonides GUZMAN-Rosas
AKA: None Known
095734552
YOB: 1987
Citizen of the Mexico
Defendant

Magistrate Case No. 08-16028M-SD

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)
Transportation of Illegal Aliens(Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

COUNT I

That on or about August 15, 2008, within the Southern District of California, Defendant Pedro Leonides GUZMAN-Rosas, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that certain alien(s), namely, Joel FLORES-Chamorro, Alberto DIAZ-Gomez, Fernando DIAZ-Gomez, Noel ASTORGA-Mendosa, Pablo DIAZ-Gomez, Juan Antonio MACIAS-Gallo, had come to, entered, or remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport or move or attempt to transport or move said alien(s), in furtherance of such violation of law, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)(Felony).

And the complainant further states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

Signature of Complainant
Ernesto Aldrete
Senior Patrol Agent

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

_______________ at Yuma, Arizona
Date City and State

Jay R. Irwin, U.S. Magistrate
Name & Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATEMENT OF FACTUAL BASIS

On August 15, 2008 Agents Alvarez, Guerrero, Araujo, and Agent Rios, were assigned traffic observation duties at the 1151 check point on highway 78 near Palo Verde, California.

At approximately 10:50 pm, a green Mercury Cougar bearing license plate CA/3LET198 approached the primary inspection lane. The vehicle had one visible occupant, later identified as Mayra Alejandra ZEPEDA (DOB: 07/26/1985). Agent Rios was working as the primary agent. When the vehicle approached, he identified himself as a United States Border Patrol Agent and informed ZEPEDA that she was at an immigration checkpoint. Agent Rios asked ZEPEDA what country she was a citizen of. ZEPEDA paused and then stated that she was a United States Citizen. After stating that she was a United States Citizen her car started moving forward as if she was rushing my immigration interview and was in a hurry to get going. Agent Rios asked ZEPEDA where she was coming from and she stated that she was coming from somewhere over there called Wally. He then asked ZEPEDA where she was heading and she stated "L.A". Agent Rios then asked ZEPEDA if this was her car that she was traveling in and she stated "no". When he questioned ZEPEDA as to who's car she was driving she claimed that it was here friend's but she could not tell Agent Rios who her friend was or if it was registered in her name. Due to the facts listed above he decided to send ZEPEDA to secondary inspection for further questioning.

Once at the secondary inspection, K-9 Agent Araujo asked for consent to run his dog around the vehicle, ZEPEDA granted consent. Agent Rios asked ZEPEDA to step out of the vehicle so he could continue his immigration interview. Agent Araujo advised Agent Rios that the K-9 alerted to the vehicle in the secondary inspection. Agent Araujo asked ZEPEDA for consent to search the vehicle and consent was granted. As the search of the vehicle was being conducted another vehicle approached the check point at approximately 11:00pm. Agent Guerrero was the primary agent and advised that he had a vehicle with seven illegal immigrants (See attached G166 for encounter details). Given ZEPEDA's inconsistencies and behavior Agent Rios asked ZEPEDA if she knew the driver of the vehicle that was transporting the illegal immigrants and ZEPEDA stated that it was her friend. At that time ZEPEDA was taken into custody for further questioning as to her involvement with the smuggling of illegal aliens.

A search of the ZEPEDA's vehicle yielded several connections to the vehicle that was transporting the illegal aliens. ZEPEDA had a note book that contained the phone number of RUIZ the driver that was transporting the illegal aliens. The vehicle also contained a map of the area that had their route of travel marked out as well as markings were Border Patrol Checkpoints are located. The vehicle also contained commercial size cases of juice boxes identical to the boxes of juice found in the jeep.

A field interview with ZEPEDA revealed the following: ZEPEDA stated that she knew her friend RUIZ was an alien smuggler and had successfully passed through immigration checkpoints with illegal aliens, but ZEPPEDA claims she did not know that she was transporting illegal aliens. ZEPPEDA claims that she had an argument with RUIZ and left her in Brawley, California. She claims she was on her way home and did not know anything concerning the smuggling of illegal aliens. ZEPEDA was transported to the Blythe Border Patrol Station for processing as a co- principle to alien smuggling.

Once at the Blythe Border Patrol Station ZEPEDA was informed of her rights as per service form I-214 at 2:20 am by Agent Kraus and witnessed by Agent Rios. ZEPEDA waived her rights at 2:20 am.

An interview with ZEPEDA at the Blythe Border Patrol Station revealed the following:

ZEPEDA claims to have driven her friends RUIZ and Pedro GUZMAN-Rosas (DOB: 10/01/1987) from Los Angeles, California to Brawley, California. GUZMAN was the passenger of the red jeep that was transporting the illegal aliens. ZEPEDA claims she knew that RUIZ was an alien smuggler and that she had successfully smuggled illegal aliens on several occasions. ZEPEDA claims that RUIZ told her that she needed someone to drive her to Brawley, California because her friend GUZMAN who was an illegal alien was going to return home and she was also going to pick up another vehicle and drive it to Los Angeles, California. ZEPEDA claims that RUIZ loaned her a car and told her she would reimburse her for the gas money she would spend on there trip. ZEPEDA claims that they left Los Angeles, California at approximately 12:00 am on 08/15/2008. ZEPEDA claims that RUIZ and GUZMAN left thier home in Los Angeles, California on Wednesday and returned on Thursday night with no explanation of were they had gone. ZEPEDA claims that she believes that RUIZ and GUZMAN crossed the illegal aliens and were going back to pick them up, but RUIZ told her that she just needed some one to drive her car home. ZEPEDA claims that upon arriving in Brawley, California she told RUIZ that she did not want to be involved in any of her business and wanted to return home. ZEPEDA claims that RUIZ directed her to stop at a gas station and leave RUIZ and GUZMAN there. ZEPEDA claims that she was bothered that RUIZ had left her there alone and started to drive home with out RUIZ. ZEPEDA claims to have not seen RUIZ for the remainder of the night. ZEPEDA claims that RUIZ called her before arriving at the 1151 checkpoint to see if agents were inspecting cars, ZEPEDA informed RUIZ that she had not made it to the checkpoint yet. ZEPEDA claims that this was the last contact she had with RUIZ and was unaware that RUIZ was transporting illegal aliens.

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Probable Cause Statement

I, Senior Patrol Agent Ernesto Aldrete, declare under penalty of perjury, the following is true and correct:

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*Executed on: August 17, 2008*__________ *Time: 11:41 a.m.*__________

*Signed:*____________________ *Senior Patrol Agent*

Finding of Probable Cause

On the basis of the facts presented in the foregoing Probable Cause Statement, consisting of two page(s), I find probable cause to believe that the defendant named therein committed the offense on August 15, 2008 in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324.

Finding made on: Date August 17, 2008 *Time* 4:54 pm

*Signed:*____________________ *United States Magistrate Judge*